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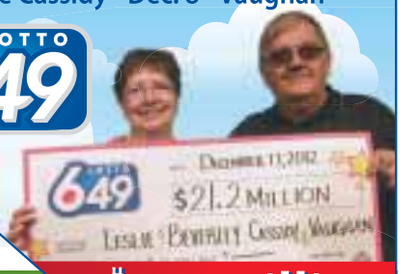


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# Sarnia plays spoiler by ending Knights' 24-game win streak

**Shy of tying record.** London suffers its first loss since Nov. 1

The 1983-84 Kitchener Rangers and 1973-74 Sorel Eperviers don't need to scooch over after all.

The London Knights' epic winning streak has ended at 24 games thanks to a 6-5 overtime victory by the Sarnia Sting before 9,046 at Budweiser Gardens on Tuesday.

The two-month run falls one win shy of tying the Canadian Hockey League record for longest winning streak, shared by those mid-80s Rangers and mid-70s Eperviers teams.

"We were so close to tying the 25-game streak, and it's just real heartbreaking right now, losing in overtime," London forward Chris Tierney said following the team's first loss since Nov. 1.

The Sting battled back from a 3-0 deficit. Seventeen-year-old Nikolay Goldobin scored four of their six goals, including the game-winner only a minute into extra time.

"We didn't play well enough to win, and it showed on the scoreboard," Tierney added. "(It was) just little mistakes — losing guys in the defensive zone — that led to the goals."

Sarnia failed to defeat London two times prior, becoming notches nine and 23 in the streak.

Ex-Knights coach Jacques Beaulieu, now bench boss for the Sting, said his squad felt it was the "seventh game of a playoff round" before puck drop.

"Yesterday, we let one slip on us," he said of Sarnia's 3-2 loss at home to London on Monday. "And I wanted to see our team come back with an effort tonight. I was proud of them." JOHN MATISZ/METRO

London Knight Bo Horvat, right, is challenged by the Sarnia Sting's Matteo Ciccarelli, left, and Jordan Addesi as he skates toward the net during first-period action in Tuesday's game at Budweiser Gardens. The Sting snapped the Knights' 24-game winning streak with a 6-5 overtime victory. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Stacking the roster

## *Knights bolster blue-line*

The London Knights celebrated the first day of 2013 by padding its already impressive lineup.

The Ontario Hockey League's best squad announced the signing of University of Denver defenceman Dakota Mermis on Tuesday.

Mermis, who turns 19 on Saturday, was the club's 12th-round pick in the 2010 OHL draft. The rushing rearguard tried out the NCAA route, eventually suiting up for 19 games for Denver this season.

Dakota Mermis
JOHN MATISZ/METRO

London head coach Dale Hunter says the five-foot-11, 195-pounder will have an immediate impact.

"He's a guy that will come in and play a lot of minutes for us, so (defencemen Scott) Harrington and Olli (Maatta) don't have to play as much," Hunter said.

# Music hot spot relaunching with new home, new owner

**The APK.** Opening of venue will mark merger of existing clubs, aims to create 'cultural' row in core

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Joan Brennan hopes the rebirth of a popular music hub will mean more than carrying on a London tradition.

The APK — a venue that will pick up Feb. 1 where APK Live left off in the fall — will hit all the right notes for creating a "cultural alley" between York and King, Brennan said.

With the Artfusion gallery across the street in Citi Plaza, an already solid music lineup next door at Call the Office and Grooves record store in the same block, 347 Clarence St. could prove the third time's a charm for the APK brand.

"Our event schedule lines up with their schedule very nicely, our customer base lines up with their customer base really nicely," Brennan said about re-branding her joint — Brennan's Beer and Bistro — as APK. "Your location determines what you are a lot. People will go where they want to go, people will go where they feel (it's) natural to go."

The venue is more of a merger than anything else, mixing what Brennan offered at her bar with what APK Live owners had going before the Wellington Street club — a self-described "gastro arts club" that catered to local and touring bands — closed in October.

Elaine Knight, who owned APK Live, will be involved in the new business, but Brennan will be the owner. She plans to bring plenty of APK's institutional knowledge into the mix, including Matt Trocchi, who booked the club's shows.

There's also a mini-renovation in the works for the Clarence Street space — an expanded stage, upgraded sound equipment and fresh paint to match the APK feel.

"Brennan's would be evolving no matter what," Brennan said. "Jan. 1 is a time when we assess all of that. As far as I'm concerned, this is just another evolution."

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**A look back**

**APK locations:**

- The original venue, called the Alex P. Keaton, was at 580 Talbot St. It closed in 2009.
- The club reopened at 340 Wellington St. in 2010 as APK Live. It closed in October 2012.
- A new remake, The APK, will open Feb. 1 at 347 Clarence St. (currently Brennan's Beer and Bistro).

Joan Brennan is pictured outside her business, Brennan's Beer and Bistro (347 Clarence St.), Monday. Brennan will launch The APK in the space Feb. 1. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

# Masked faces of hockey greats inspire young artist

Artist Michael Slotwinski, 23, of Sarnia, is pictured Tuesday with a painting of Philadelphia Flyers goalie Bernie Parent. The painting, part of a travelling exhibit called Hockey's Masked Men, was on display at Budweiser Gardens. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Michael Slotwinski makes a habit of letting his audience drive his art.

So, given that he's Canadian — and from a long line of hockey players — his travelling series featuring five decades' worth of legendary goalies and their masks seems a natural fit.

"Everybody loves hockey," Slotwinski of Sarnia said. "It's something that we Canadians live around and (as an artist), you're always trying to find something that people can respond to or relate to."

Dubbed Hockey's Masked Men, the touring exhibit features 13 paintings depicting hockey greats like the Boston Bruins' Gerry Cheevers, the Maple Leafs' Mike Palmateer and the Philadelphia Flyers' Bernie Parent.

Slotwinski, 23, unofficially started the series about two years ago as part of a class assignment at the University of Guelph. When people started asking to buy the initial paintings, Slotwinski realized he could be onto something big.

"The cranks in your mind start to turn, and you think, 'It's a really a good idea, and maybe I should do some more,'" he said about the series' evolution.

Slotwinski's work has been making its way around OHL venues since November, stopping Tuesday at Budweiser Gardens.

He'll be in St. Catharines on Jan. 18 and Brampton on Feb. 10. More stops are in the works. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

**On the web**

**For a look at artist Michael Slotwinski's work, including paintings from Hockey's Masked Men, visit slotsart-studio.com.**

- Prints are available by contacting Slotwinski through the website.

**Labour dispute**

## Deadline passes for teachers to reach deals with boards

The deadline for Ontario teachers to reach agreements with their local school boards has passed.

Education Minister Laurel Broten now has the power under Bill 115 to impose contracts in cases where no deals have been reached, but the minister had not said by Tuesday evening if she plans to act immediately.

Broten says 65 ratified local agreements have been submitted so far and she's hoping others will follow.

Bill 115 freezes the pay of most teachers, reduces their ability to bank sick days and limits their right to strike. It has prompted actions such as rotating one-day strikes by elementary teachers and withdrawing from extracurricular activities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education Minister Laurel Broten TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

**University Hospital**

## Influenza A outbreak resolved

An alert level 2 outbreak has been cleared for influenza A at University Hospital. The hospital made the announcement Monday.

The outbreak was called Dec. 27 when the northwest corridor in 4 — Inpatient Medicine had two people test positive for influenza A. METRO

**Get thee to a depot**

## Remember to recycle your Christmas tree

The City of London is reminding people to recycle their Christmas trees.

Until Jan. 11, Londoners can drop off their trees at one of six depots.

For more information, visit london.ca. METRO

## Happy new year, baby!

London's New Year's baby, Alex McLean, is pictured with his mother, Sarah McLean, 28, of Watford on Tuesday at London Health Sciences Centre. Weighing in at seven pounds, nine ounces, Alex was born at 12:38 a.m., a little more than nine hours after his mother went into labour. He rounds out a family that includes big brother Brayden, 1, and father, Rob, 34. Area Shoppers Drug Mart stores, the Children's Health Foundation and the London Health Sciences Foundation welcomed Alex with a gift basket, a handmade blanket, and a teddy bear.

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# Londoners honoured for good works

**Mayor's Honourees.** Annual awards offer kudos to Londoners who continue to give back to the community

A longtime affordable-housing advocate and a 30-year volunteer in support of people with disabilities are among the winners of the 2013 Mayor's Honouree Awards.

Each year since 1976, Londoners have nominated their fellow citizens for recognition in nine categories. The City of London's advisory committee receives the nominations and selects a winner based on criteria in each category.

The 2013 honourees are:

**David Nelms (housing):**

Nelms has dedicated himself to making homes for Londoners-in-need a reality. For nearly 30 years, he has been involved in all aspects of the construction and redevelopment of affordable housing units. He also manages three projects with the Alice Saddy Association to provide homes for people with developmental disabilities.

**Carmen Sprovieri (people with disabilities):**

Since coming to London more than 30 years ago, Sprovieri has volunteered with several organizations supporting people with disabilities. Following her retirement as director of community relations at the London Public Library, she devoted more time to London's not-for-profit community while continuing as a lecturer at Western University.

**Meredith Fraser (race relations):**

Fraser's long-standing interest in social justice has been reflected in her volunteer work, her academic work, and in her professional work as the anti-hate program co-ordinator with LUSO Community Services, a multicultural community centre in Northeast London.

**Bruce Huff (sports):**

Huff has been chairman and driving force of the London Sports Hall of Fame since its inception in 2011. A sports writer for 55 years, Huff has devoted many hours to produce the Sports Hall of Fame event program, biographies of nominees for the selection committee, and scripts about inductees for videos each year.

**Suzanne Huot (immigration):**

Since 2008, Huot has been involved in the community connections program at CFO, an organization for immigrants in London and Sarnia. Volunteers help newcomers learn English and integrate into their new community. In addition, Huot has become a member of the London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership.

**Bramwell Gregson (arts):**

Gregson moved here in 1964 to become the conductor of the London Citadel Band of the Salvation Army. During his tenure, the band performed out of province many times and issued 20 recordings. In 1995, he took over as music director of Brassroots, a 12-piece group that recently released its fourth recording. Gregson has also guest conducted at national music camps.

**Lou Rivard (crime prevention):**

Rivard joined the Children's Safety Village of London team in 1997. He became a major force in fundraising for the project, which opened in 2001. Thousands of children and adults visit the Safety Village each year to learn with hands-on experience what to do in an emergency. He is treasurer on the Safety Village's board of directors.

**Shane O'Neill (environmental):**

Through his involvement in Post Carbon London, O'Neill has initiated key projects generating awareness for energy planning. He has been a two-term member of both the advisory committee on the environment and the ecological and environmental planning advisory committee for the City of London. He has taught courses at Western University and Fanshawe College.

**Joseph O'Neil Jr. (heritage):**

O'Neil served on the city's advisory committee on heritage for a number of years, and is treasurer of the board of governors for Eldon House. His knowledge of local cemeteries has been instrumental in providing appropriate recognition of their importance. METRO

# Revellers welcome 2013 with decorum

Party-goers welcomed 2013 with plenty of parties, but, overall, were well-behaved, police say.

Officers working New Year's Eve described the evening as something akin to a typical, busy Saturday night, Const. Jeremy Koekebakker told Metro.

Despite a high volume of calls for things like noise complaints and small fights, "even the downtown, like the Richmond Street area, was described as being a little slow" given the holiday, said Koekebakker.

Police manned RIDE checkpoints across the city Monday evening and set up additional checkpoints from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Only one impaired driving charge was reported, Koekebakker said.

"All in all, I think (people) behaved appropriately," he said. "There was nothing outlandish or anything new that was really surprising for us."

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# Age test to decide if suspected rapist can face murder charge

**India.** Prosecutors seek death penalty for five other suspects held in gang-rape and murder

A bone test is being conducted to confirm the age of a young suspect in custody in the fatal assault and gang-rape of a woman on a bus in India's capital, while prosecutors will seek the death penalty for five other men arrested with him, police said Tuesday.

The six will be formally charged Thursday on accusations that they kidnapped, gang-raped and murdered the 23-year-old woman in New Delhi on Dec. 16, a police spokesman said.

Outraged Indians have been demanding the death penalty for the six men, holding demonstrations almost every day. Murder is punishable by death and rape by life imprisonment. But those below 18 years of age cannot be prosecuted for murder.

Another officer said a bone test is being conducted to determine if one suspect is indeed a juvenile. If the test determines he is 18 years or older he will be treated as an adult, said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Many officials cancelled their New Year's celebrations on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Too often ignored**

**Activists hope the assault will shatter taboos and make authorities take such cases more seriously.**

- Police often refuse to hear complaints and even accuse victims of inviting male attention.
- Families also dissuade victims from coming forward in the belief that it will ruin their reputations.

The gang-rape and killing of a student has set off an impassioned debate about what India needs to do to prevent another tragedy. DAR YASIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Police ID some victims in B.C.-bound bus crash

Investigators in Oregon are trying to piece together the final moments before a Vancouver-bound tour bus carrying 48 people careened down a steep hillside, ejecting some passengers and killing nine.

Police said Monday they still weren't sure how fast the bus was travelling before the crash on a partly icy highway in a rural mountain pass east of Pendleton, Ore.

Oregon State Police identified one of the victims as a 57-year-old Washington man. Authorities said Dale William Osborn was killed in Sunday's crash and his wife Sue Osborn remained hospitalized.

His daughter, Jennifer Sherman, said she was told her father was hit in the head by a rock while her mother was thrown into a river bed.

A list of injured released by police named seven Canadian residents, including the driver, identified as 54-year-old Haeng Kyu Hwang of Vancouver.

Police said they were working with the Korean Consulate to identify other victims. State police confirmed 39 people were transported for treatment of injuries and at least 10 of them were released.

"Some mothers screamed to find their son or daughter," said Jaemin Seo, a 23-year-old Korean student who has been studying in Vancouver.

Seo said he was awakened by screaming and was ejected from a broken window as the bus careened down the hill. He suffered a broken ankle and a gash in his arm.

The crash occurred near a spot called Deadman Pass, at the top of a steep, 11-kilometre descent from the Blue Mountains. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**New York City**

## Death on subway New Year's Day

New York City police say a young woman stumbling around on a subway platform not far from Times Square fell onto the tracks and was killed by a train.

The accident happened before dawn on New Year's Day at a station just one stop from where revellers gather in Times Square to celebrate. Police say the victim was in her 20s. Her name wasn't released. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Secretary of State**

## Clinton on blood thinners for clot

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton continues to recover in a New York hospital where she's being treated for a blood clot in her head.

Her doctors say blood thinners are being used to dissolve the clot and are confident she will make a full recovery. Clinton suffered a concussion during a fainting spell at her home in early December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Molten money**

## Bank hushes talk of melting bills

Disclosing details of behind-the-scenes talks on tales of melting banknotes could endanger national security, says Canada's central bank.

Responding to a formal request, the Bank of Canada released 134 pages of records — almost completely blanked out — concerning allegations its new polymer bills melt in summer heat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Stampede after fireworks kills 61

**New Year's tragedy.** Most of those killed in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, were children and teens

A crowd stampeded after leaving a New Year's Eve fireworks show early Tuesday in Ivory Coast's main city, killing 61 people — many of them children and teenagers — and injuring more than 200, rescue workers said.

Thousands had gathered at the Felix Houphouet Boigny Stadium in Abidjan's Plateau district to see the fireworks. It was only the second New Year's Eve fireworks display since peace returned to this West African nation after a bloody upheaval over presidential elections put the nation on the brink of civil war and turned this city into a battle zone.

With 2013 showing greater promise, people were in the mood to celebrate on New Year's Eve. Families brought children and they watched the rockets burst in the nighttime sky. But only an hour into the new year, as the crowds poured onto the Boulevard de la Republic after the show, something caused a stampede, said Col. Issa Sako of the fire department rescue team. How so many deaths occurred on the broad boulevard and how the tragedy started is likely to be the subject of an investigation.

Many of the younger ones in the crowd went down, trampled underfoot. Most of those killed were between 8 and 15 years old.

**Missing children**

**"I have just seen all the bodies, but I cannot find my son ... I don't know what to do."**

Mamadou Sanogo, who was searching for his nine-year-old son, Sayed, at the morgue

"The flood of people leaving the stadium became a stampede which led to the deaths of more than 60 and injured more than 200," Sako told Ivory Coast state TV.

Desperate parents went to the city morgue, the hospital and the stadium to try to find missing children.

State TV showed a woman sobbing in the back of an ambulance; another was bent over on the side of the street, apparently in pain; and another, barely conscious and wearing only a bra on her upper body, was hoisted by rescuers. There were also scenes of small children being treated in a hospital. One boy grimaced in pain and a girl with coloured braids in her hair lay under a blanket with one hand bandaged. The death toll could rise, officials said.

The government organized the fireworks to celebrate Ivory Coast's peace, after several months of political violence in early 2011 following disputed elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Ivory Coast soldier stands next to the belongings of people involved in a deadly stampede in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. At least 61 people were killed following a New Year's Eve fireworks display. EMANUEL EKRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Executive pay. Top CEOs in Canada earn average of $7.7M, research shows

By the end of the lunch hour on Jan. 2, the highest paid chief executive officers in Canada will have earned as much as the average Canadian makes all year, a new survey of CEO pay shows.

The top 100 CEOs in Canada earned $7.7 million on average in 2011, the latest data collected by an Ottawa-based think tank found.

In comparison, the average industrial wage was $45,488, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives notes.

This is the seventh year the policy group has prepared a database of executive pay based on publicly available documents.

It began doing so in 2005 to help focus public debate on the growing gap between rich and poor, said Hugh Mackenzie, an economist and research associate with the think tank.

"If you make it concrete — here's a group of 100 people and their available income is $7.7 million — that's something people can hang onto," Mackenzie said.

Even at that, he said, few people can easily conceive of what earning $7.7 million really means.

"It means you don't think anything of getting on a plane Friday afternoon and flying to London to go to the theatre. You don't think anything of flying to Whistler to ski for the weekend."

Total executive compensation includes base salary, bonus, stocks and stock options, and the value of things like pension and dental plans, use of a corporate jet and other benefits.

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**Leaders of the pack**

Frank Stronach, honorary chair of Magna International Inc., was the highest earning CEO in 2011. GETTY IMAGES FILE

**Among the highest paid CEOs in Canada:**

- Frank Stronach, honorary chair of Magna International Inc., led the CEO pay parade, earning $40 million in 2011.
- Michael Pearson, head of Montreal-based Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc., came in second with a pay packet of $36.3 million, most of it in shares. In third place was Robert Quartermain, head of Vancouver-based gold exploration firm Pretium Resources Inc., at $16.9 million.
- The top 10 also includes Bradley Shaw of Shaw Communications; Ned Goodman of Dundee Corp.; Rick George of Suncor Energy Inc.; Donald Walker at Magna; Gerald Schwartz at Onex Corp.; Robert Friedland at Ivanhoe Mines; and Peter Marrone at Yamana Gold Inc.

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# House GOP brinkmanship threatens fiscal cliff deal

**Washington, D.C.** Rare New Year's Day session comes after Senate OKs compromise bill

Sen. John Barrasso, left, R-Wyo., talks with Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, who holds up his watch, after a vote on the fiscal cliff Tuesday on Capitol Hill. The Senate passed legislation early New Year's Day to neutralize a fiscal cliff combination of across-the-board tax increases and spending cuts that kicked in at midnight. ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manoeuvred into a political corner, House Republicans abandoned demands for changes in emergency legislation to prevent widespread tax increases and painful across-the-board spending cuts and cleared the way for a final, climactic New Year's night vote.

The decision capped a day of intense political calculations for conservatives who control the House. They had to weigh their desire to cut spending against the fear that the Senate would refuse to consider any changes they made in the so-called fiscal cliff bill, sending it into limbo and saddling Republicans with the blame for a whopping middle class tax increase.

Adding to the GOP discomfort, one Senate Democratic leadership aide said Majority Leader Harry Reid would "absolutely not take up the bill" if the House changed it. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity, citing a requirement to keep internal deliberations private.

The legislation cleared the Senate hours earlier on a lopsided pre-dawn vote of 89-8. Administration officials met at the White House to monitor its progress.

"I do not support the bill. We are looking, though, for the best path forward," House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., declared after one meeting of the party's rank-and-file.

Despite Cantor's remarks, Speaker John Boehner took no public position on the bill as he sought to negotiate a conclusion to the final crisis of a two-year term full of them.

It wasn't the first time that the Tea Party-infused House Republican majority has rebelled against the party establishment since the GOP took control of the chamber 24 months ago. But with the two-year term set to end Thursday at noon, it was likely the last.

And as was true in earlier cases of a threatened default and government shutdown, the brinkmanship came on a matter of economic urgency, leaving the party open to a public backlash if tax increases do take effect on tens of millions.

After intensive deliberations — a pair of rank-and-file meetings sandwiched around a leadership session, the GOP high command had not yet settled on a course of action by early evening.

Instead, they canvassed Republicans to see if they wanted simply to vote on the Senate measure, or whether they wanted first to try and add spending cuts totalling about $300 billion US over a decade. The cuts had passed the House twice earlier in the year but are opposed by most if not all Senate Democrats.

Economists have warned that without action by Congress, the tax increases and spending cuts that technically took effect with the turn of the new year at midnight could send the economy into recession. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Let's make a deal**

- The Senate-approved measure would be the first significant bipartisan tax increase since 1990, when former president George H.W. Bush violated his "read my lips" promise on taxes.
- It would raise an additional $620 billion US over the coming decade when compared with revenues after tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003, during the Bush administration. But because those policies expired at midnight Monday, the measure is officially scored as a whopping $3.9-trillion US tax cut over the next decade.

# Alcohol. Ontario to test selling liquor, wine in supermarkets

Ontario's Liberal government moved Monday to counter a Progressive Conservative proposal to allow corner stores to sell alcohol by announcing a pilot project to sell liquor and wine in 10 grocery stores.

"The goal here is better consumer access," Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said in an interview. "Ontarians are, generally speaking, very pleased with the system of (liquor) distribution, they just want more access, and we think this is the right way to go."

Some Ontario shoppers will have a new option for buying alcohol starting late in 2013 when the Liquor Control Board sets up Express stores inside 10 supermarkets in communities yet to be determined. Consumers would still take their alcohol purchases to an LCBO cashier, not to the grocery checkout with their food items.

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**Quoted**

**"The goal here is better consumer access."**
Finance Minister Dwight Duncan

**Paris**

## Armed thieves rob Apple flagship

Masked and armed thieves used the New Year's Eve fete to rob the flagship Apple store in Paris.

The French press reported that up to about $1.3 million in goods were stolen at the store behind the Paris Opera house, a figure police would not immediately confirm. The theft occurred about 9 p.m. Monday, while police were deployed around the famed Champs-Élysées Avenue where revellers traditionally gather on New Year's Eve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Moscow**

## Good luck buying a brew in Russia

A big question in Russia in 2013 may be "How do I get a beer around here?"

Under a law that took effect on New Year's Day, selling beer at the kiosks that mushroomed along sidewalks and roadsides after the collapse of the Soviet Union has been banned. In a measure meant to address Russia's high rate of problem drinking, beer now can be purchased only at restaurants, cafés and stores of at least 50 square metres (about 500 square feet).

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# YOLO, SO IT'S TIME TO RETIRE THESE CLICHÉS

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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How many times over the past year have you heard the term "double down"?

If you answered, "Too many," you probably feel much the same way about other misused and abused words and phrases of 2012, including, but not restricted to: Fiscal cliff, trending, passion, spoiler alert, bucket list, superfood and the now unavoidable YOLO (you only live once).

These and others turned up on this year's Lake Superior State University's 2013 List of Banned Words. When you're only a minor seat of higher learning in the snowbelt — and not Harvard — you need to come up with a shtick to get noticed.

Back in 1975, some PR genius at LSSU came up with the idea of an annual list of words that need to be banned. Every year, the university publishes a selection of words and phrases compiled from the submissions of grumpy wordsmiths across North America, and every year, the news services cover it as if it's actually news. Of course, "wordsmith" made the list one year, but, like most of the other words on the list, people just keep on using them … until they don't.

**An aptitude for platitudes**

**It's like you belong to a club, and the only requirement for membership is that you have to use the trendy word before your mother texts it to her BFF.**

The list is more important now than ever as the alarming proliferation of bloggers who feed off other bloggers has led to the near-complete eradication of original thought, as everyone doubles down on the trending slang.

It's like you belong to a club, and the only requirement for membership is that you have to use the trendy word before your mother texts it to her BFF (previously banned abbreviation for best friend forever). If you continue to use it after that, you earn the scorn of the haters, but I'm sure everyone else thinks you're terribly trending.

The problem with "trending," according to its nominators, is that it's not up to the task: Trending which way? Up? Down? Out?

The problem with the fiscal cliff is obvious. Talk about a lazy reference to the worst financial crisis of the century to date. But instead of working hard to understand it, all of us lemmings prefer to roll it up and package it in a neat phrase that we can take with us as we go over it.

"Double down" is particularly odious. It allows you to pretend you're a real riverboat gambler, comfortable with high-risk blackjack strategies, when you don't know jack about doubling down or hitting me up or whatever.

One of my faves this year is "passion," as in "That's my passion," justifying some inane or inherently dangerous practice you're currently enthusiastic about. "Passion" goes well with "fruit" and "Easter," but otherwise should be avoided as overkill.

Just because YOLO doesn't mean you should give in to your passion for clichés.

Just sayin'.

**Oh yeah? Trend this: Psy, left, performs in Times Square during New Year's Eve celebrations in New York City. The South Korean rapper was third in Google's 12th-annual ranking of trending searches for 2012.**
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# Moscow on the Mediterranean

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**Distinct society**

## From Russia with love of culture

The children of immigrants from the former Soviet Union attend a ballet class in Lod, central Israel. The Soviet state crumbled 20 years ago, and in the aftermath, more than one million of its citizens took advantage of Jewish roots to emigrate to Israel. Some prominent ballet dancers were among them, forming ballet schools and continuing a dance culture highly regarded in their mother country.
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**Growing influence**

## 3rd

**Israel has the world's third-largest Russian-speaking community outside of the former Soviet Union, after the U.S. and Germany. Today, Russian-speaking émigrés and their children occupy virtually every corner of Israeli society, from academia and technology to the military and politics. Every fourth employee in Israel's flourishing high-tech industry is a Russian-speaking immigrant, as is every other engineer. The world's second-ranked chess master, Belarus-born Boris Gelfand, lives in Israel, and about one-quarter of Israel's Olympic coaches grew up in the former Soviet Union.**

**Kosher clash**

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An employee of the Mizra pork-processing plant poses with a pig's head in a refrigerated warehouse in Kibbutz Mizra, northern Israel. The Russian immigrant community has increased demand for pork in the country, a non-kosher food rarely eaten by Israeli Jews.
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**Old country and new**

## Russian power on the rise

By virtue of their sheer numbers in a country of eight million people, the Russian population has transformed Israel. In parts of the country, it's hard to find a single Hebrew sign in a sea of Cyrillic. Shopkeepers address customers in Russian and stores are amply stocked with red caviar and vodka. Russian pop beats thump at bars, and in some homes, people are as likely to be hunched over a chessboard as they are a computer keyboard.
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## How long could you survive in your house if there was a severe natural disaster?

**Twitter**

**@eShepperd:** Happy new year, #ldnont! Let's make this year a fresh start; socially, politically, and culturally. Let's make this great city greater!

**@ktyschenko:** All I want in #2013 is my #WesternU acceptance email. #ComeOn

**@sqedmonton:** It's annoying when u change all your passwords, which takes forever, & then a week latr you come across the 1 app you haven't updated — sigh

**@late2game:** Happy 158th birthday London! Proud to call you home. I really think we need a special day to celebrate it. #ldnont

**@lisabrandt1001:** Beautiful hike at the Sifton Bog. It doesn't look very bog-like when it's all frozen and covered with snow but it's still nice! #LdnOnt

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DVD review

## Looper

**Director.** Rian Johnson

**Stars.** Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Emily Blunt

Looper is a real head flip of a time trip, definitely not your usual ray gun routine, which is why it was chosen as the gala opener for this year's TIFF. Skillfully bending genres since he first smashed with Brick in 2005, Rian Johnson puts that film's star, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, into an identity crisis sci-fi thriller set in the Kansas of 2044. JGL plays Joe, a "looper" (hit man) working for innovative mobsters from the year 2074, who use a time machine to send their victims back three decades for untraceable bullets and burning. Bruce Willis and Emily Blunt co-star in this future shocker that is smarter than most, at least until the novelty wears thin.

PETER HOWELL

## Cosmopolis

**Director.** David Cronenberg

**Stars.** Robert Pattinson, Juliette Binoche

A blockbuster of the mind, Cosmopolis fascinates as much for what writer/director David Cronenberg shows us as for what he chooses not to. There's a lot of sex, violence, despair and talk, talk, talk in this quasi-thriller, which places Twilight's Robert Pattinson inside a white stretch limo for a day-long odyssey through Manhattan and his own messed-up mind. We might quibble with the emphasis Cronenberg places on dialogue, on the staginess of his sets and on the relative lack of action. What we can't argue is that Cosmopolis is the work of a master filmmaker, one determined to have us think about the ideas packed into the trunk of this limo bound for the furthest corners of the psyche. PETER HOWELL

Horror icon Leatherface returns to hunt unsuspecting teenagers in the latest installment of The Texas Chainsaw Massacre series, Texas Chainsaw 3D. HANDOUT

# Carving out a killer franchise — in 3D

**Horror.** The Texas Chainsaw Massacre's Leatherface has been terrifying audiences for more than 30 years

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Two far-flung events inspired director Tobe Hooper to write The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, the down-and-dirty 1974 indie film that spawned sequels, prequels and this weekend's splashy 3D remake — the imaginatively titled Texas Chainsaw 3D.

In November 1957, police raided the home of Plainfield, Wis., farmer Ed Gein, uncovering gruesome evidence that would lead to charges of murder and body snatching.

After two trials, he spent the rest of his life in a mental facility, but his story would go on to inspire three characters–Norman Bates from Psycho, Buffalo Bill from The Silence of the Lambs and one other that would serve as the basis for six films.

Gunnar Hansen, who played Leatherface in Texas Chainsaw Massacre, says Hooper and co-writer Kim Henkel based the character of the hooded chainsaw killer on Gein.

"When they set out to write this movie," he said, "they decided to have a family of killers who had some of the characteristics of Gein: the skin masks, the furniture made from bones, the possibility of cannibalism."

Hooper adds the story was also partially inspired by "the massacres and atrocities in the Vietnam War" and a display of chainsaws in the hardware section of a crowded Montgomery Ward's department store.

"The idea popped," he remembered. "I said, 'Ooh, I know how I could get out of this place fast — if I just start one of these things up and make that sound.'"

That nerve-jangling noise — the revving of a chainsaw — has been the soundtrack of terror ever since. The original is an atmospheric gem, a white-knuckle movie that made Leatherface the first icon of modern horror.

The apron-wearing cannibal has appeared in five more films — most of which don't veer too far from the original plot line of unsuspecting kids falling prey to a family of demented, cannibalistic inbreds.

There's The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2, starring Dennis Hopper, Leatherface: TCM III, TCM: The Next Generation (starring the then-unknown Matthew McConaughey and Renée Zellweger), 2003's The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, TCM: The Beginning and the new 3D version.

Leatherface's scares don't always happen on screen, however. At the Kingsway Theatre in Toronto, the flick inspired audience participation when someone dressed in a butcher's outfit ran down the aisle brandishing a real, revving chainsaw.

Behind the scenes

## Chainsaws are the real deal

Metro World News sits down with Alexandra Daddario and Trey Songz, the stars of the new Texas Chainsaw 3D, to talk about joining the long-running horror franchise, the perils of being in a scary movie and how their opinions of chainsaws have changed.

**This is not the first Texas Chainsaw movie. How many of the previous films have you seen?**

TREY SONGZ: I've seen three.

ALEXANDRA DADDARIO: I've seen two. I think Trey is more of a horror fan than I am. I get scared really easily. But I watched the Jessica Biel version and the original.

**Being a horror fan, what's your dream way to get offed in a horror movie?**

TS: I mean, the ultimate thing in a horror movie is to make it through, so ... (laughs) But my dream way to get done in? I don't know. In Saw there were so many creative ways to die. That's what I really liked about the film. But I haven't dreamed of ways of dying recently (laughs).

**Acting in a horror movie, you're doing a lot of running and screaming. How exhausting is that compared to a less horrific movie?**

AD: Definitely — being an actress, part of what you have to do is try to stay in as best shape as you can. I knew that I was going to a very hot place — we shot in Louisiana in July and August, so I prepared. I did hot yoga and I tried to prepare so I wouldn't pass out on set, and I made it through.

**Having done this movie now, would you say you're both more or less afraid of chainsaws?**

TS: I would say chainsaws are petrifying.

AD: Yes. I think I've always probably been scared of chain saws, but I've never really encountered one until this movie.

TS: There was a whole row of them on set. You'd go through and you're not supposed to be, like ... I crept off into the trailer that you're not supposed to be in and touched them, and they were kind of like, not dull.

AD: Yeah, they're real chainsaws.

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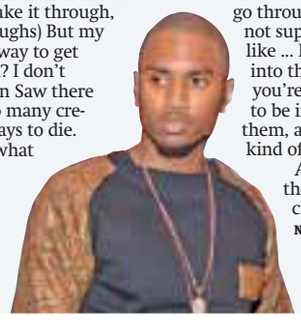

Trey Songz
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# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

## Our celeb wishes and Twitter dreams for 2013

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Here's some New Year's resolutions we wish the stars would aim for:

• **Katy Perry:** "I will stop dating bad boys with stringy black hair."

• **Lindsay Lohan**: "I will try to make my probation officer's 2013 as painless as possible."

• **Prince Harry:** "I will try to have more fun in 2013."

• **Psy:** "I will not make a 'serious' album. Not yet, at least."

• **Kristin Stewart:** "I will smile."

• **Rihanna:** "I will stop dating Chris Brown once and for all."

### Twitter hopes

These stars left Twitter — some for good reasons, some for bad — in 2012. Here's some Twitter accounts we wish would come back in 2013:

**@adele**
The singer left Twitter after receiving nasty death threats about her newborn son from Twitter trolls. It would be great for her to come back so we can show her that humanity isn't awful.

**@KanyeWest**
"BE BACK SOON" was the last thing posted on the singer's epic Twitter feed, which gave us such gems as "I just threw some kazoo on this b-tch" and "Sometimes I get emotional over fonts." Wherefore art thou, Kanye?

**@CharlieSheen**
After he accidentally tweeted his phone number in an attempt to contact Justin Bieber (hahahahahaha), Sheen deleted his Twitter account. Come and remind us what all the fuss was about.

# Top 5 pop culture moments of 2012

**Entertainment.** From "Hey, sexy lady" to saying goodbye to an icon, Metro looks back at some of the year's biggest moments.

Top 5

1. Whitney Houston dies.
2. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes divorce.
3. Kristen Stewart cheats on Robert Pattinson.
4. PSY takes over the world with Gangnam Style.
5. The royals are having a baby.

Pop icon Whitney Houston was only 48 years old when she died on Feb. 11. GETTY IMAGES

•"**Whitney Houston**'s death in February was a tragic event that symbolically set the tone for a year where the old guard in soul and R&B music gave way to a younger generation, as hip-hop kids like **Frank Ocean, Miguel** and **The Weeknd** basically reinvented the genre in 2012." **PAT HEALY**

•"I remember going to a party and it's all anyone could talk about. I mean, we all knew she wasn't doing well, but I guess we didn't realize the extent of her fall from grace until it was too late." **DOROTHY ROBINSON**

•"Our 'Kristen, how could you?' cover is blown-up and hanging on the wall next to my desk. Every day I ask myself the same thing." **MEREDITH ENGEL**

•"At the risk of giving this any more ink: **Robert Pattinson**'s hair at least deserves to be cheated on in a proper hotel room." **MONICA WEYMOUTH**

•"I can't believe you would vote for Stewart/Pattinson break up when we don't mention 50 Shades. It's bonkers it's not on this list. But maybe it's not because we are all still wondering how such badly written erotica could take off like it did." **DR**

•"I just wanted to say that I think my 2012 approach to the Kardashian family has really worked this year. I vowed at the onset of 2012 to not speak the Kardashian name aloud. And look at how you're not seeing them on quite as many magazine covers in the checkout line. They're not even on this list! It's the power of the cosmic unconscious, people! Yes, the one that they call Kim is doing whatever she can to keep her flicker of fame alight — hiring Kanye West to pretend like he's into her and now pregnant with his child — but in 2013 if we all agree not to speak the name of that family, I think we can finally make them go away forever." **PH**

Kristen Stewart issued a public apology to boyfriend Robert Pattinson when she was caught cheating this summer. GETTY IMAGES

•"I never thought I'd be someone who thinks of themselves as a 'royal fan' but I really dig Kate and William and I'm excited for them." **DR**

•"Agreed! Although I'm probably more on Team Harry. How much do you want that guy's life?" **MW**

Psycho for Psy

**"When my mother asked me what K-Pop was, I knew this thing was bigger than all of us. Parents are the best barometer."**
Heidi Patalano, on Gangnam Style

Psy GETTY IMAGES

Editor's picks

## The Word's Top 5

- 1. Whitney's death
- 2. Fifty Shades phenomenon
- 3. Gangnam Style
- 4. Twilight breakup
- 5. Katie and Tom divorce

I hate to be so morbid that Whitney's death would be the biggest event of the year, but it was just so shocking. Coming in at No. 2 for me is the Fifty Shades of Grey book publishing phenomenon. It's not too often that a book comes along that every single woman, from your housekeeper to your grandmother, has read. Unfortunately, this was that book. It was neat to see Gangnam taking over The Macarena as the biggest dance craze of the century, and it was also neat to see (in pictures) Kristen Stewart's car-seat dalliance. Finally, Tom and Katie's divorce putters in at No. 5. Their split was no surprise, but big enough for a mention. **DOROTHY ROBINSON**

# The Real Middle-earth

With last month's world premiere of Peter Jackson's The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in New Zealand, a trip to experience Middle-earth is likely on the bucket list for many fans. Below are some of the top New Zealand tourism activities focused on The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey.

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## Hobbiton

Near Matamata, a picturesque town just two and a half hours from Auckland (New Zealand's largest city and the gateway to Middle-earth), visitors can enjoy a guided tour of the Hobbiton movie set.

Hidden in the magical, spectacularly green, rolling hills of the area is Hobbiton, the film set made famous in The Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Along with 37 Hobbit holes, fans can check out the Green Dragon Inn, The Mill and other structures used in the upcoming films. Not only has Hobbiton gained fame as a movie set, it is also a working farm experience, café and conference facility.

It's definitely a must for anyone who wants to truly experience the "Shire" when in New Zealand.

Hobbiton movie set in Matamata. FLICKR: ARBRON

Mountain bike skippers canyon track, Queenstown. FLICKR: TRAILSOURCE.COM

## Four-wheel drive safari tour in Queenstown

Any reason to visit Queenstown, on New Zealand's South Island, is a good one, and a four-wheel drive adventure through Middle-earth gives visitors a great reason to go.

The Queenstown area was prominently featured in the filming of The Lord of the Rings trilogy and Nomad Safaris offers two different tours designed specifically for fans.

The guides are definitely one of the highlights of the tour — many were extras in the films. They know, and are happy to share, all of the local gossip about what the stars of the movies did while they were filming in the area.

## Wellington

Everyone who goes to Wellington falls in love with the fun, foodie and fashion-focused city that sits at the southern tip of the North Island.

Known to many as "Wellywood" because of its flourishing film industry, fans can experience the ultimate Middle-earth full-day tour with Wellington Rover Tours — where fans can follow in the footsteps of Hobbits, and spend the day learning film secrets. Wellington also boasts the Weta Cave, which screens a behind-the-scenes look at Weta and interviews co-founder Peter Jackson, among others, has a mini-museum with some of the characters and features props and displays from The Lord of the Rings films.

Wellington. FLICKR: ASGW

**Regional highlights**

## Hamilton Waikato

Hobbits have roamed the hills at Hobbiton movie set, near Matamata, where The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Trilogies were filmed.

## Christchurch Canterbury

The Canterbury region was used for numerous locations for The Lord of the Rings Trilogy and the Mount Cook region has been used again for The Hobbit.

Aoraki Mount Cook (3,754 metres) is New Zealand's highest mountain and means cloud piercer.

## Central Otago

Central Otago, another picturesque filming location and popular with vacationers, is renowned for being the hottest, coldest and driest part of New Zealand. It is also New Zealand's most inland region. RUTH ATHERLEY

**See for yourself**

**Air New Zealand (airnewzealand.ca) has direct non-stop flights from Vancouver to Auckland and offers flights from many other North American cities. For more information about New Zealand, please visit: NewZealand.com.**

- Hobbiton movie set tours – hobbitontours.com.

Can you imagine a better setting than this for the big day? HANDOUT

# Dreaming of saying your vows under the Caribbean sun?

**Destination wedding.**
A few things to keep in mind if you're looking for a stress-free ceremony

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A growing number of brides and grooms are heading to tropical climes in the hopes of having memorable nuptials.

Before you book your destination wedding, there are a few things to bear in mind.

The costs can vary widely depending on the time and place you get married.

The proximity and easy flight access into Cuba, Dominican Republic and Mexico's Mayan Riviera tend to mean there are better deals to be found in these locales. If your dates are flexible, consider holding off until the April shoulder season and you will fare much better with accommodation rates.

Look into any special regulations. Many of the popular Caribbean destinations require you to be on the island anywhere from two to five days prior to the ceremony.

Typically, you will also need a special marriage license in the local language that could cost several hundred dollars depending on the island, and you may be required to get a blood test. Both future spouses must present proof of citizenship of their resident country.

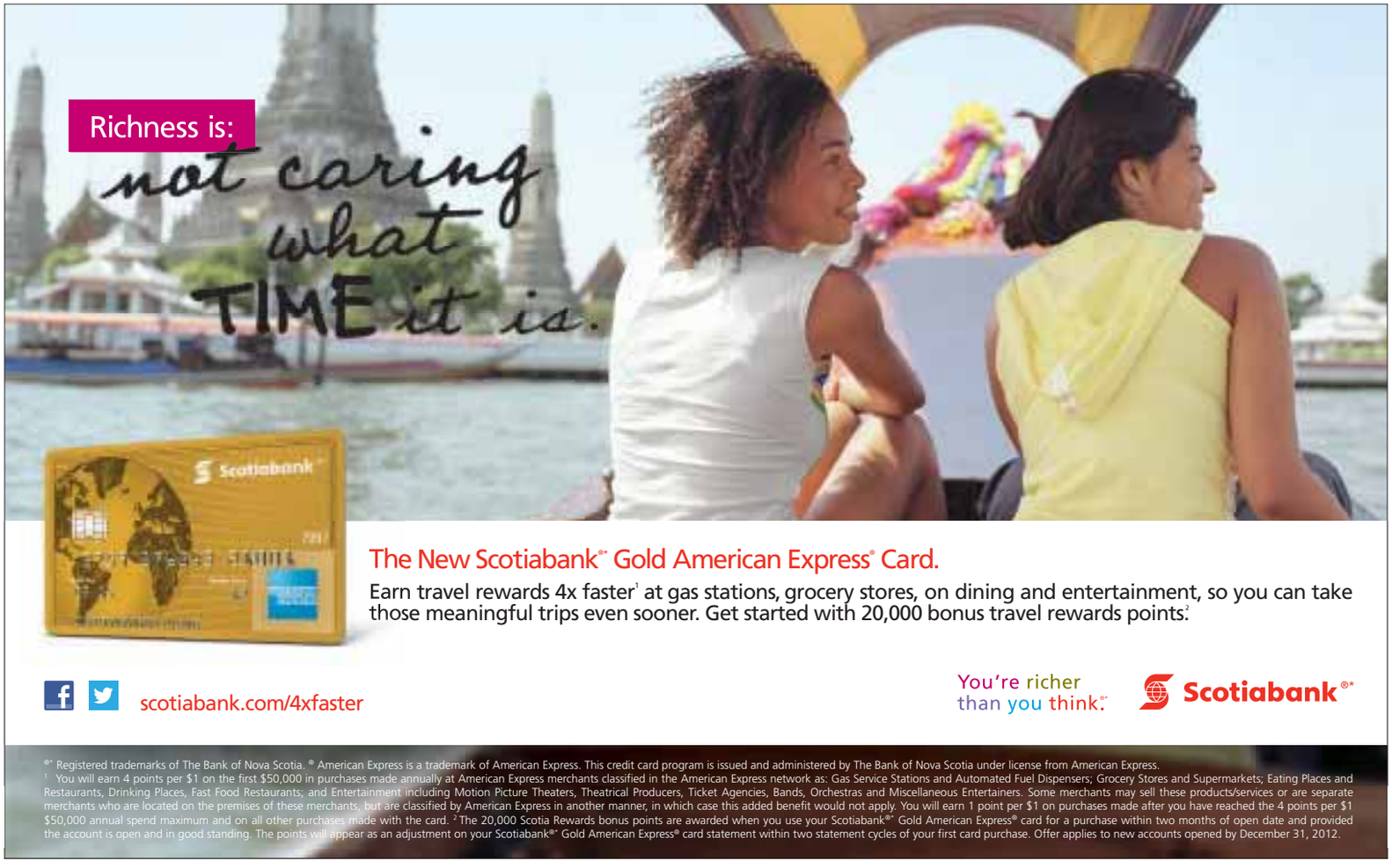
Hire a local wedding specialist. Bridezilla or not, it can be hard planning a wedding from afar.

A good planner can be your liaison between all the legal bits that need to happen and finding the best and most reliable vendors, from the florist to the photographer to the caterer. At the very least, look at booking a resort that offers a pre-set wedding package that includes a handful of these elements, such as a justice of the peace, document arrangements and a special location for your ceremony.

Be prepared for bathing suit-clad onlookers. Whether you get married on a resort or at the beach, privacy is something that is hard to guarantee. If you want your ceremony to feel a little more intimate, consider an island like Anguilla, which allows foreigners to get married in local churches.

Consider your guests. If you are hoping loved ones will be coming along to share your big day, the cost of the vacation does matter. Negotiate with your resort or tour operator for a group discount. Also, tell people not to bring gifts, the cost of the trip is enough.

You don't want to be bringing a toaster home on the plane anyway.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# Broccoli Pasta does double duty as a warming dish and a cash saver

Whenever you have too little time and too few ingredients on hand — or when you've been eating too much meat — a great alternative is some Broccoli Pasta.

It's delicious, healthy, inexpensive and easy to prepare. The recipe, in fact, is a cinch, consisting of just a few ingredients — pasta, chicken broth, Parmigiano-Reggiano, olive oil and a large head of the namesake crucifer.

Another of this recipe's charms is its flexibility. You can swap in vegetable broth for chicken broth, spaghetti for the angel hair pasta, and any other grated hard cheese for the Parmigiano-Reggiano. Sometimes you can even lose the broccoli in favour of roasted cauliflower or Brussels sprouts.

But what makes the dish so popular is its comfort factor. It can be served soupy, so you can slurp the chicken broth along with the strands of pasta. You can also make sure there's some crusty bread within easy reach, which helps to mop up the broth not captured with a spoon.

This dish is so economical it's almost ecological.

**Ingredients**

- 1 large head broccoli (about 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds)
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt
- 1 to 2 tsp red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 1 quart low-sodium chicken stock
- 1/2 lb whole-wheat capellini pasta
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

**1.** Heat oven to 450 F. Position one of the racks in top third of oven.

**2.** Bring pot of water to a boil.

**3.** Cut broccoli, including the stems, into 2-inch pieces. Peel any thick stem pieces to remove the thick skin.

**4.** On rimmed baking sheet, arrange broccoli in single layer. Drizzle with oil then sprinkle with salt to taste and toss well. Place on top oven rack and roast for 10 minutes, or until broccoli is crisp tender and slightly brown at the edges. Transfer the broccoli to a large skillet, add the pepper flakes and the chicken broth, then bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

**5.** When water in large pot comes to boil, add a hefty pinch of salt and the pasta. Stir and cook 2 minutes, or until the pasta is limp but not quite cooked through. Drain pasta and transfer it to the broccoli pan. Simmer for 2 minutes, or until the pasta is al dente. Stir in the Parmigiano-Reggiano and salt to taste. Ladle into shallow soup bowls and serve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SARA MOULTON IS THE AUTHOR OF THREE COOKBOOKS, INCLUDING SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.

**Cold Weather Broccoli Pasta**

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Drink of the Week**

## Winter Wind

This drink contains traditional holiday spices and ingredients that remind recipe creator Nishan Nepulongoda of festive seasons.

"The sweetness of cinnamon mixed with fresh lime citrus creates a balanced taste that has an added hint of spice when topped with the ginger beer," says Nepulongoda, a mixologist at Blowfish Restaurant in Toronto.

- 60 ml (2 oz) gin
- 30 ml (1 oz) fresh lime juice
- 30 ml (1 oz) simple syrup
- Pinch ground cinnamon powder
- Ice cubes
- Ginger beer
- Lime slice, for garnish

Shake all ingredients with ice. Pour into a rocks glass with fresh ice. Top up with ginger beer.

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# Lasagna meets Butter Chicken

**1.** Tandoori marinade: In a bowl, whisk yogurt, lemon juice, tandoori spice blend, fenugreek, salt, pepper and hot pepper flakes until well combined. Add chicken; toss to coat. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate for 8 hours.

**2.** Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Scrape chicken onto rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in centre of oven 25 minutes or until cooked through. Remove from oven; let stand 15 minutes. Cut chicken into 5-mm (1/4-inch) cubes. Place in bowl, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

**3.** Butter chicken sauce: In saucepan, heat olive oil and butter over medium-high heat. Add cumin seeds; toast, stirring frequently, 2 mins. Add onion, garlic and turmeric; cook, stirring frequently, for about 5 mins. or until onions soften. Add ginger, tandoori spice blend and hot pepper flakes; cook, stirring, for another 2 mins. Stir in water, tomatoes, cream, fenugreek and sugar. Bring to gentle simmer, stirring occasionally. Cook 20 mins. Add cooked chicken cubes; simmer another 15 mins or until sauce thickens. Set aside.

**4.** Meanwhile, in saucepan, heat olive oil and butter over med-high heat. Add onion and garlic; cook, stirring frequently, for 5 mins. or until onion softens. Add mushrooms and green pepper; cook, stirring, 10 mins. or until veggies are soft. Add salt, garam masala and black pepper; cook 2 mins. Set aside.

**5.** To assemble lasagna: Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Spread one-third of butter chicken sauce over bottom of 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish. Arrange 5 noodles over top. Dollop with ricotta; top with vegetables. Arrange 5 more noodles over top. Spread another one-third sauce all over. Sprinkle with half of mozzarella. Top with remaining noodles. Spread remaining sauce all over. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella. Cover loosely with foil.

**6.** Bake in centre of oven 45 mins.; remove foil. Sprinkle with basil. Return to oven for another 5 mins. or until bubbling and golden on top. Let stand 10 mins. before serving. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ RECIPE COURTESY OF FOOD NETWORK CANADA

This recipe serves 12. COURTESY OF THE FOOD NETWORK

**Ingredients**

**Tandoori Marinade**
- 250 ml (1 cup) plain yogurt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lemon juice
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tandoori spice blend
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) dried fenugreek
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) hot pepper flakes
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs

**Butter Chicken Sauce**
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) unsalted butter
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cumin seeds
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced red onion
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) turmeric
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced ginger root
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tandoori spice blend
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) hot pepper flakes
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- 1 can (796 ml/28 oz) crushed tomatoes
- 325 ml (1 1/3 cups) 35 per cent whipping cream
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) fenugreek, crushed
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sugar

**Vegetables**
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced red onion
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) minced garlic
- 500 ml (2 cups) sliced cremini mushrooms
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced sweet green pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) kosher salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) garam masala
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper

**Lasagna**
- 15 oven-ready dry lasagna noodles
- 250 ml (1 cup) ricotta cheese
- 500 ml (2 cups) grated mozzarella cheese
- 4 basil leaves, shredded

# Penne Pasta Casserole. The comfort food fix

**1.** Preheat oven to 350 F (177 C).

**2.** Cook pasta according to package directions; drain.

**3.** Brown meat with onions in large skillet; drain. Stir in Hunt's Diced Tomatoes with their liquid, the tomato paste and water; cook until heated through, stirring occasionally.

**4.** In large bowl, add pasta, tomato and beef mixture, and 2 cups of cheese; toss to coat.

**5.** Spray 13-by-9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spoon mixture into dish; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 25 minutes, or until casserole is heated through and cheese is melted. NEWS CANADA/ HUNT'S

**Ingredients**

- 3 cups dry penne pasta, uncooked
- 1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped (1 cup)
- 1 can (398 ml) Hunt's Diced Tomatoes
- 1 can (5.5 fl oz) Hunt's Tomato Paste
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 cups (12 oz) shredded Mozzarella cheese
- Non-stick cooking spray

# Are you getting all a-Twitter about social media? Link on the bright side

**Success on a screen.**
The web world is complex, but connecting is key to climbing the job ladder

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In this day and age, having an online presence is just as essential to your job search as having an error-free resumé.

However, between LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and Google+ it can be difficult to master how to effectively manage your many online lives.

Once you've upped your Facebook privacy settings as high as they can go, it's pretty easy to learn how to navigate the 'book.

However, mediums like LinkedIn and Twitter can be a bit trickier to grasp, especially for students and recent grads who don't already have built-in professional networks.

Here are a few tips for getting started:

Getting involved in a LinkedIn group can help you keep up with new developments in your field while simultaneously networking. But don't just be a name in the group — participate in discussions and offer input. ISTOCK

### Mastering the Twitterverse

**• Begin by listening**
Use Twitter's search function to find people and feeds which are of interest to you. Spend some time exploring these outlets and looking at how they are utilizing Twitter.

**• Maintain your humanity**
Keep your tweeting tone natural and in your own voice.

The whole point of Twitter is to show who you are and what interests you.

**• Make like a pencil and have a point**
Share links to relevant articles and express your own views.

Tweet out information your followers will find valuable rather than which nail polish colour or salad dressing you went with today.

**• Tweet regularly**
Keep your profile current and tweet on a regular basis. This keeps your online presence up to date and will hold the attention of your followers.

That being said, if you have nothing to say, don't feel you have to post.

**• Pay it forward**
Retweeting the posts of others builds rapport with your followers, sparks conversation and demonstrates to others that you don't think it's all about you — you can appreciate what others have to say as well.

**• Be appreciative**
Acknowledge retweets by publicly thanking those who share your posts — unless your every tweet gets tweeted 900 times.

Then use some discretion (and probably expect an invitation to appear on The Ellen DeGeneres Show).

**• Keep it simple**
You only have 140 characters to make your point, so get right to it.

Try using less than the 140 cap in order to make it easier for others to retweet what you have posted.

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**Online and employable**

**Click boldly through the land of LinkedIn using these simple steps:**

- **A full profile is a fulfilling profile.** Provide as much information as you can, including work history, key responsibilities and educational history. Be specific and highlight key accomplishments so as to give others a clear example of the type of work you're capable of doing.
- **It's all about quality, not quantity.** It's easy to aimlessly connect with people in an effort to build up your number of contacts and appear more "popular." Don't invite strangers to your network and don't be offended when those same strangers ignore your requests. Just as a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, your network is only as strong as its weakest connection. It's not just how many people you know, but who these people are.
- **It's not all about you.** Although LinkedIn allows you to request recommendations from your contacts or utilize your network to seek assistance (both of which can be extremely beneficial), you don't want to focus solely on how LinkedIn can further your career. Don't be constantly seeking recommendations or advice, and be ready to pay back favours by providing some advice of your own. Also, always say thank you to those who do provide recommendations or insight to a question you posed.

**The best of your brain**

**"Tweet out information your followers will find valuable rather than which nail polish colour or salad dressing you went with today."**
Leah Ruehlicke

**Pleased to meet you!**

**Avoid privacy settings**

- Keeping an open profile will actually work to your advantage in the world of Twitter.
- Open accounts enable you to connect and share thoughts and ideas more easily with others, which is exactly what Twitter is all about.
- On that note, don't be too open. Twitter is a place for you to solidify yourself as an individual and a professional, not to argue about whose turn it is to do the dishes.

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# From lovely, lazy holiday to dreary office desktop

**Back from your break?** Believe it or not, there are ways to tackle this tough transition without tearing your hair out

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Between frolicking in the frost and sleeping in past noon, long weekends and holidays don't leave much time to think about the office.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end.

The first day back at work after a holiday can be tough. While you were away, the only paperwork you did was rifling through magazines and trashy novels.

Now that you're back, you're faced with hundreds of emails, new projects and deadlines that are creeping up on you.

Many people return to work and try to go from zero-to-productive all at once, but Robert Half executive Christine Lucy says that trying to get caught up on everything right away is not the solution. For students and new hires, this can present a new challenge. Christine says, "Like anything new, you find ways to deal with it with practice."

Making up for time missed is a delicate balancing act, says Christine. You want to get back into work-mode "without stressing yourself out and losing all the benefits of that vacation."

So how do you get up to speed without getting winded?

Here are some tips for students and new grads who are trying to snap back to reality after the holidays.

### Get organized

Whether you're leaving for the Bahamas or simply taking a few days off to lounge around at home, planning ahead will ease your post-vacation work week.

"Being planned and being prepared to return to work can make a big difference," says Christine.

Try to get major projects and anything that is time-sensitive out of the way before you head out.

On that first day back in the office, Christine recommends an early start. That way, you'll be able to get to work on projects that need urgent attention and start sorting through your overstuffed inbox — before co-workers start coming around to ask you about your vacation.

### Be realistic

You've been gone for a few days, so don't expect to get caught up in a single day. Trying to tackle everything all at once can leave you feeling stressed and overwhelmed, so prioritize what really needs to get done right away.

For instance, rather than starting with your most recent emails and working your way down, sort through them and deal with the most important ones first. "In reality, not everything has to be done right now," says Christine.

### Say "thank you"

While you were enjoying your holiday, someone may have been covering for your job. In order to make a smooth transition back to work, make sure you acknowledge and thank them for their assistance. A simple "thank you" will strengthen your work relationships and make people more likely to help you when it comes time for your next holiday.

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## Resolve to revive that magical machine

**Here are four easy ways to clean up your computer in the year ahead:**

- **Get rid of useless programs.** The longer you've had your computer, the longer you've been accumulating software — a tiny little program here, a gigantic multi-gigabyte behemoth there — that steals hard drive space and can contribute to slower system performance. So scan through all the programs on your computer and be brazen about uninstalling anything that you never, ever use.
- **Do a thorough scan for viruses and malware.** As our hard drives get larger, the process of scanning for viruses gets longer and more annoying, sometimes slowing down your computer considerably, so it's no wonder that many users just hit cancel when it's time for their regular automated checkup. If virus scanning always seems to get in the way, then change your software's schedule to begin at a more convenient time, maybe right before bed.
- **Backup.** Make 2013 the year you get better about protecting your valuable data. If you're not regularly backing up the files you really don't want to lose — important documents, digital photos and video, downloaded music and movies — consider yourself lucky that you haven't suffered a catastrophic loss and get to work. Burning files to DVDs is falling out of fashion, but you can still store several gigabytes of data on each disc, so a handful of discs would do the job for many users. External hard drives are increasingly inexpensive and offer an easy way to back up by dragging and dropping files.
- **Get it physically clean.** When's the last time you gave your computer, keyboard and mouse a good scrub? According to Charles Gerba, a leading expert on germs based out of the University of Arizona, what you don't see might gross you out. And if you're not good about washing your hands, they could make you sick. Parainfluenza, E. coli, C. difficile and drug-resistant MRSA are among the things that could be lingering beneath your fingertips. Apple recommends using disinfecting wipes — which do not contain bleach — to clean keyboards, mice and other non-glass surfaces. Then wipe them dry with a soft lint-free cloth.

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Penn State scandal

## Governor to file federal lawsuit against NCAA over sanctions

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett said Tuesday he plans to sue the NCAA in federal court over stiff sanctions imposed against Penn State University in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child sexual abuse scandal.

The Republican governor scheduled a Wednesday news conference on the Penn State campus in State College to announce the antitrust filing in U.S. District Court in Harrisburg, Pa.

The sanctions, which were agreed to by the university in July, included a $60 million fine that would be used nationally to finance child abuse prevention grants. The sanctions also included a four-year bowl game ban for the university's marquee football program, reduced football scholarships and the forfeiture of 112 wins, but didn't include a suspension of the football program, the so-called death penalty.

The governor's office announced the news conference late Tuesday afternoon. His spokesman did not respond to repeated calls and emails seeking to confirm a Sports Illustrated story that cited anonymous sources saying a lawsuit was imminent.

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Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Team Canada teammates Dougie Hamilton, left, Anthony Camara and Malcolm Subban pretend to bobsleigh during practice on Saturday in Ufa, Russia.
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Juniors forge identity half a world away

**World juniors.** Far from home, Canadian team sticking together on and off the ice

Goaltending coach Ron Tugnutt mused aloud during the Canadian junior hockey team's selection camp in Calgary that travelling 13 time zones to pursue a gold medal might not be a disadvantage for the team.

The world junior hockey championship was held in North America for four consecutive years from 2009 to 2012 in Ottawa, Buffalo, Saskatoon and then jointly in Calgary and Edmonton respectively.

The moment the Canadian team stepped off the ice in those tournaments, their performance was reflected back to them around the clock via wall-to-wall media coverage.

Tugnutt hoped Ufa, Russia, would afford this team some isolation.

"They won't be seeing as much of themselves on TV," he said then. "We're kind of on our own little island out there. I think this will be good for us."

After concluding the preliminary round 4-0 to finish first in Pool B, some Canadian players spoke of the unifying effect of travelling so far from home. They've been abroad together since Dec. 15, when Canada departed Calgary for a pre-competition camp and exhibition games in Finland.

"We had a few days in Vierumaki to definitely grow that bond," captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins said. "It's amazing how much we've come together in this tournament on and off the ice."

Canadian coach Steve Spott has observed that his players seem happiest off ice when they're hanging around their hotel together.

"They don't want to leave the hotel," Spott said. "We've had a number of team activities planned, but they enjoy being around each other in the hotel and that, to me, is a sign of a great hockey club."

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**Quoted**

**"Now you're into one-game situations and we all know they are very difficult games, but I do like the place our team is in right now and I like the mindset of the group."**

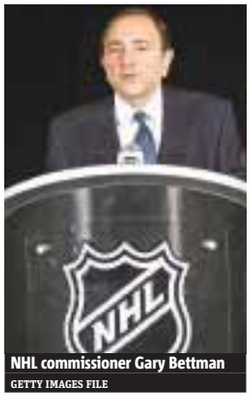
Canadian junior coach Steve Spott

**Waiting for their foe**

**Canada earned a bye to Thursday's semifinal after finishing first in Pool B.**

- They await the winner of Wednesday's quarter-final between the Czech Republic and the U.S.

# NHL, union on clock to salvage season



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman
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The push toward a deal to save a shortened NHL season continued Tuesday.

The league and union put in a full day of talks with a deadline looming to reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

After the NHLPA presented a counter-proposal on Monday, small groups from each side held a conference call early Tuesday afternoon. Another face-to-face meeting was expected at the league office in New York later in the evening.

The talks are being held with an eye on preserving at least a 48-game schedule — the same number that was played following the 1994-95 lockout.

**By the numbers**

**108**

**There are signs the 108-day lockout is nearing its end. Players who have spent time in Europe are starting to trickle back to North America, including Bruins forward Tyler Seguin and Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, who wrote on Twitter that "hopefully I'm coming back for the right reason."**

An agreement would need to be in place by Jan. 11 for that to happen.

"What we've said is we need to drop the puck by Jan. 19 if we're going to play a 48-game season," commissioner Gary Bettman said Monday. "We don't think it makes sense to play a season that is any shorter than that."

League officials met well into the night Monday after receiving a new offer from the union. NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr said the union's proposal included movement on key issues, but declined to elaborate.

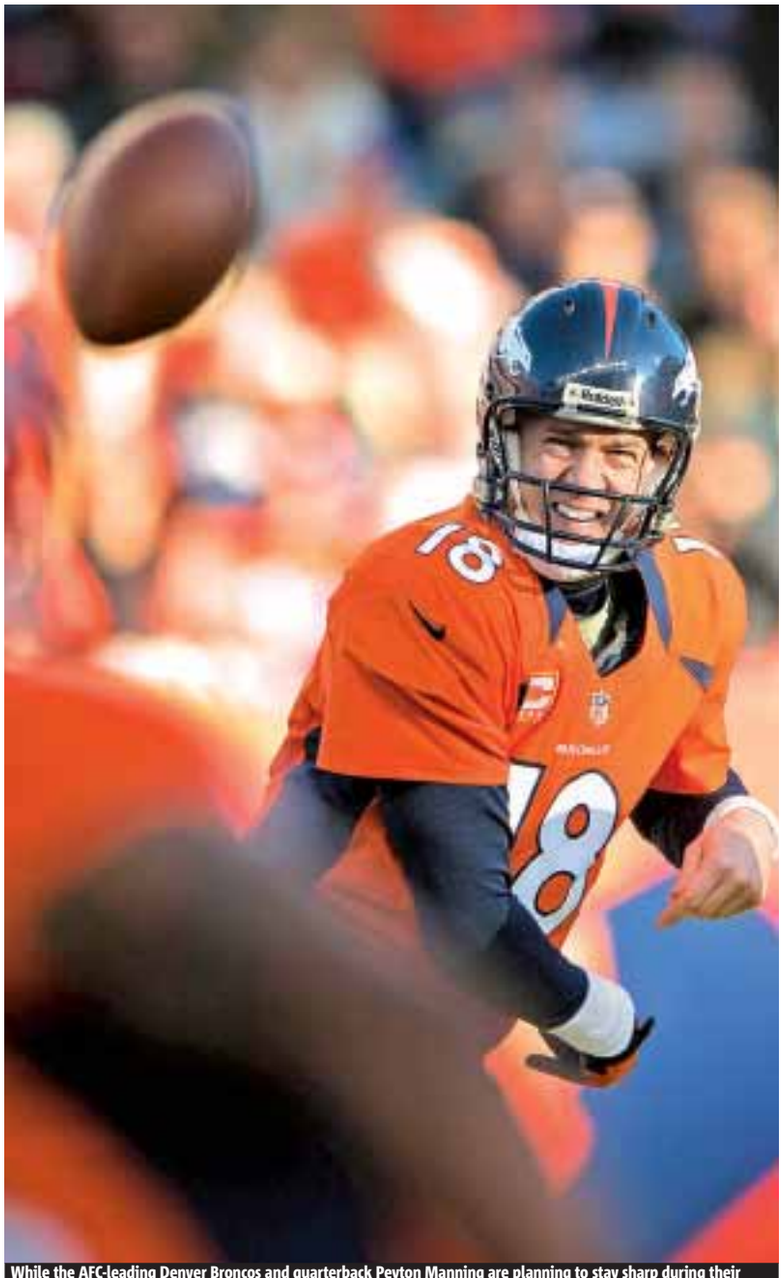
It came three days after the NHL tabled a new offer that sparked the latest round of talks.

"We covered the range of subjects they covered," said Fehr. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Back at the table**

**The NHL's most recent offer saw it soften demands on new contract rules and included a salary cap of $60 million for the 2013-14 season — a number the union believes is too low.**

- While few details of the NHLPA's new proposal are known, commissioner Gary Bettman indicated that it brought attention to the key issues that still need to be addressed.



While the AFC-leading Denver Broncos and quarterback Peyton Manning are planning to stay sharp during their weekend off, the NFL's eight wildcard seeds open the playoffs this weekend. DUSTIN BRADFORD/GETTY IMAGES

# NFL's top dogs hope to buck bye week jinx

**Odds on upset.** No. 1 seed Broncos, Falcons hope to stay sharp while wildcards look to build on momentum

The Denver Broncos and Atlanta Falcons, who tied for the league's best record at 13-3, are well aware of one of the NFL's biggest truisms: More often than not, the regular season is for suckers.

Over the last decade, just two of the 13 teams that had the best regular season record — or tied for the best mark — went on to win the Super Bowl: the '02 Buccaneers and the '03 Patriots.

The last eight teams to enter the playoffs with the best record bowed out before they could put their fingerprints on the Lombardi Trophy and revel in a rain of confetti.

Both the Broncos and Falcons are promising to practice like champions this week and not allow rest and relaxation to turn into rust and ruin.

In the last seven seasons, three No. 6 seeds and a No. 4 seed ended up winning it all, giving hope to the likes of the Ravens, Redskins, Bengals and Vikings in this year's playoff pool.

A year ago, the Green Bay Packers rested their regulars in the season finale and they lost their edge, becoming the first 15-1 team to lose its first playoff game — to a New York Giants team that was 7-7 in mid-December and went on to win it all.

"That's kind of what it was for us when I was in Indy," Broncos wide receiver Brandon Stokley said of the '05 Colts, who went 14-2 but lost to Pittsburgh in the divisional round. "We kind of rested the last week, then we had a bye. It's too much. So, I like just grinding every week, just playing football."

That's exactly what Peyton Manning's new team did, securing the AFC's top seed Sunday with its 11th straight win.

Along with the Falcons, Patriots and 49ers, the Broncos get a break this week, one that can prove a pitfall as much as a profit.

"We've just got to practice like we're playing this week," Denver receiver Eric Decker said.

While the Broncos stormed into the playoffs, the Falcons, who already had the NFC's top seed secured, didn't gain any momentum Sunday, losing to Tampa Bay.

"Before this game was played, we were the No. 1 seed in the playoffs, at the end of the game, nothing has changed," Falcons tight end Tony Gonzalez reasoned. "We're a very good team. We'll just use this as a wake-up call."

Broncos coach John Fox is using the bye week to stay sharp, calling for short, crisp practices on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and a mandatory weightlifting session Saturday, mainly to keep the team "focused."

Nevada oddsmakers have made the Broncos the favourite to win the Super Bowl.

Of course, the Packers were in this position last year. It's not just the NFL where the season's best team usually falters in the playoffs.

In the last 10 seasons, only two teams in each of the other major pro sports leagues parlayed the best regular-season record into a championship, according to STATS, LLC.

Since the first Super Bowl, the team with the best regular-season record has won just 21 of 46 championships, or 46 per cent, which is more than in the NHL (42 per cent), NBA (41 per cent) and MLB (28 per cent), according to STATS, LLC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Wildcard matchups**

**A look at the opening round of the NFL playoffs.**

- **Saturday** AFC: Cincinnati at Houston; NFC: Minnesota at Green Bay.
- **Sunday.** AFC: Indianapolis at Baltimore; NFC: Seattle at Washington.

**Buffalo**

## Bills name Brandon team president

Buffalo Bills CEO Russ Brandon added the title of team president Tuesday, and said Buddy Nix will remain the club's general manager.

The news came a day after the Bills fired coach Chan Gailey. Brandon's promotion gives him operational control of the franchise, and he will report directly to owner Ralph Wilson, who previously held the president's title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Eagles begin the quest to fill coaching vacancy

Jeffrey Lurie's search for the Philadelphia Eagles' next coach began before he fired Andy Reid and could last until the Super Bowl.

While the Eagles were struggling toward a 4-12 finish, Lurie "meticulously and in great detail" researched potential successors to replace a coach that won more games than any other in franchise history.

Reid, however, didn't win a Super Bowl and the team still is seeking its first NFL title since 1960. Lurie considers the Vince Lombardi Trophy his "obsession."

So, the pressure's on to find a coach who can deliver that elusive championship.

**Quoted**

**"The important thing is to find the right coach, not to make the fastest decision."**

**Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie** talks about his team's search for a new coach.

The Eagles already have lined up interviews with three assistant coaches on the Atlanta Falcons: Defensive co-ordinator Mike Nolan, offensive co-ordinator Dirk Koetter and special teams coach Keith Armstrong. The Falcons (13-3) are the No. 1 seed in the NFC playoffs and have a bye this week.

Other NFL assistants that are likely on Lurie's "very defined list" include Denver's Mike McCoy, San Francisco's Greg Roman and Vic Fangio, Cincinnati's Jay Gruden and Mike Zimmer, Seattle's Gus Bradley, Green Bay's Ben McAdoo, and Arizona's Ray Horton.

Oregon's Chip Kelly may be the most sought-after coach from the college ranks, and he's said to be atop Philadelphia's list.

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**Shake up in Chicago**

## Bears bid farewell to Lovie Smith

Chicago Bears general manager Phil Emery says too many playoff misses and the inability to develop a productive offence led to coach Lovie Smith's firing. The Bears let Smith go Monday even though they won 10 games.

Missing the playoffs for the fifth time in six years and the inability to fix the offence were simply too much to overlook, so they cut ties with their coach after a nine-year run that included a Super Bowl appearance.

Emery said he'll be interviewing potential replacements over the next two weeks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Revving up some auto nostalgia

Danny Koker, the restomodding maestro on Pawn Stars' speed dial, has revved the engine on a spinoff series. On History's Counting Cars (premieres tonight 9 p.m. ET/PT), The Count hunts down classic wheels, fixes 'em up and then either flips them or adds the finished beauties to his personal collection. We sought Koker's counsel on some of the sweetest rides to grace the small and big screen.

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## 1968 Mustang GT 390 Fastback, Bullitt

You can't picture this car without Steve McQueen behind the wheel. The image of the muted highland green muscle car — with deleted emblems and a blacked out tail panel — burning up the hilly streets of San Francisco in hot pursuit of a jet black Dodge Charger has seared itself into the consciousness of cinephiles and auto enthusiasts alike.

**Restoration challenge:**
Rust is a common issue and you'll likely have to start with a real beater. "Everybody loves to hot rod old mustangs. Lots of them have been crashed on drag strips and roadrace courses, or somebody's teenage kid has wrapped one around a tree. Good examples are getting hard to find, so you're having to settle," explains Koker, who puts $22,000 into a real hunk of junk and transforms it into a beautiful Bullitt tribute on the debut episode.

**Price:**
$50 to 60k depending on options.

## 1961 Ferrari 250 GT California Spyder, Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Car crazed teens drooled on their popcorn over this candy red V12 five-speed aluminum-bodied dream machine when Matthew Broderick took this "so choice" beauty for a spin. "Ironically, the one in the movie was a replica," explains Koker. "(They used) a fiberglass-bodied car on a late model Mustang chassis with a small block Ford 302 motor. To use a real '61 Spyder would've been insane."

**Restoration Challenge:**
Finding original parts would be almost impossible. But if you have deep pockets, you could go to Italy and have Ferrari re-manufacture whatever you need.

**Price:**
In 2008, a '61 once owned by the late James Coburn sold for $10.9 million. The actual car from the film sold for a mere fraction of that in 2010, fetching $122,000 in a Bonhams auction, practically double the London auction house's estimate of $45 to 65k.

## 1969 Dodge Charger, Dukes of Hazzard

The General Lee didn't just give Boss Hogg's flunkies the slip, Chrysler's aerodynamic wild child was designed to lap the competition. Of course, no car could land those ridiculous frame-buckling jumps and drive away unscathed. Nearly 300 Chargers were wrecked over the run of the television series from 1979-1985. "These were really awesome cars with huge engines stuffed into them. You could get a 440 with a six pack (six carburetors), or you could get a hemi. The car was a drag race car right off the showroom floor," says Koker.

**Restoration Challenge:**
While the parts are out there for old Mopars, they didn't produce as many as other muscle cars from the same period, so they're much more expensive.

**Price:**
You can build one for $30 to 40k.

## 1958 Plymouth Fury, Christine

The demonic two-door hardtop was conceived by Chrysler, but made infamous by horror masters Stephen King and John Carpenter, first in print and subsequently on the big screen. The 1983 film turned this proto-muscle car into an icon. "I love that car because it was an oddball, it was not a car that people sought out to collect and restore. I thought it was really cool that that car was selected to be used and that the version in the movie was restored to 100 per cent original condition," says Koker.

**Restoration Challenge:**
To take it back to the nuts and bolts original, all your parts have to be the real deal. "Everything you do to the interior has to be accurate, the way you detail the engine compartment has to be accurate, and all those things cost extra money," adds Koker.

**Price:**
You could build one for $50 to 60k.

## Q & A. Danny The Count Koker weighs in

Danny Koker
HANDOUT

When Rick and the gang at Pawn Stars need advice on anything with wheels and an engine, they call Danny The Count Koker of Las Vegas' Count Kustoms. On Counting Cars, his spinoff series on History, Koker trolls the streets of Nevada for sweet rides to fix up and then flip, but if he grows too attached they find their way into his expansive personal collection.

**You have any tips for first time restorers looking for a project?**
Don't get in over your head and pick something that you personally love because you're going to get frustrated and want to throw in the towel somewhere along the line. That's why you gotta pick something that you connect with so you'll stick with the project and see it through to the end. If it's a first time project, pick something simple. Go with an old Mustang, an old Camaro, a '55 Chevy, or something like that where the parts are available and it is not rocket science as far as building it and putting it together.

**You knock on doors, stop cars at lights and scout parking lots when you're cruising for cars. Do you think you get better deals looking for cars that don't have for sale signs on them yet?**
I believe so. That is my philosophy. It's something that I've been doing for years. In my opinion, if a car has a for sale sign on it, you're already too late. Whoever is selling it has already thought about it, done their research and they know what they want for it. It's probably going to be a little bit tougher to work a deal with somebody like that.

**What's your success rate using your bold tactics?**
Lots of times when we knock on a door or pull somebody over, or find something in a parking lot, sure I get, "No". It's rare to find somebody to say, "OK, I'll sell you my car." I get the no all the time. But on the rare occasion, you get someone in the right frame of mind and mood. They really haven't given it too much thought and maybe they need a little money right now, and you might be able to work a better deal.

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# Hot cars and hot trends for 2013

**Sexy ride!** A rundown of the year's most exciting vehicles and their mouth-watering features

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It's that time again when we must take stock of last year and look forward to the next. Or climb into a big, woolen sock and hibernate until May. Someone poked me with a stick, so I'm up- and-Adam and ready to pursue the former option.

2012 was a year when the manufacturers really focused on giving us increased fuel economy in every vehicle category, and not just the smaller ones.

This is a trend we'll certainly see continue in 2013 and beyond. Exhibit A: The all-new and completely redesigned Corvette debuting at this month's Detroit auto show. It promises to go from zero to 60 m.p.h. in under four seconds and deliver 26 m.p.g. (9 L/100 km) fuel efficiency on the highway.

The 'Vette is also part of another trend — that high-end performance and luxury vehicles aren't going anywhere. They seem indifferent to socio-economic times that might suggest buyers lean toward more austere and/or greener choices. Luxury brands in Canada actually did better (proportionally) in the 2012 sales year than many mainstream brands.

BMW has an interesting strategy rolling out in 2013 to cope with this duality in the marketplace. It will introduce the "I" sub-brand, to distinguish the automaker's most out-there green vehicles. The i3, a five-door EV, will launch at the end of 2013, while the i8 hybrid sports car will follow in early 2014.

All luxury brands helped themselves recently by dipping into smaller and less-expensive segments. Last year, we saw Buick Encore and BMW X1 work this angle, and next year Audi Q3 will do its thing in this compact-luxury segment. Get ready to see more of these compact, entry-level luxury crossovers.

But the one luxury-performance car I'm most looking forward to next year is the 2013 Jaguar F-Type, the first full-on two-seat sports car from Jaguar in more than 50 years.

Small is getting more fun, with the recent arrivals of such over-achievers as Ford Focus ST, Fiat 500 Abarth and Mini Roadster. Fun will go even smaller, when the 2014 Ford Fiesta ST arrives, with its near-200 hp Ecoboost engine and 6-speed manual shifter.

This influx of hot, small and bothered vehicles is also part of another, larger trend — North American buyers are becoming more simpatico with our European counterparts. As such, we're seeing less differentiation between product offerings between the markets and that's a good thing. Two interesting Euro-born vehicles to watch for next year are the four-door Fiat 500L and Ford's new minivan, the Transit Connect.

Of course we'll see more full-on EVs come on stream in 2013, such as Chevrolet Spark EV, smart ForTwo Electric, Honda Fit EV, and the fore-mentioned BMW i3. Will they help make EV mainstream? Probably not in 2013, but if they keep coming and do their stuff, prime time can't be too far away.

And how about mainstream diesel? The all-new 2014 Mazda6 is available with a 2.2-litre diesel engine. As the first (non-VW) mainstream sedan with a diesel, it will be interesting to watch how it will be embraced in 2013.

Finally, we must also pay attention to the continuing "smart phoning" of vehicles. Just this week, Hyundai announced it was working on a smart phone app utilizing NFC technology that would allow you to do a host of things to your vehicle, not the least of which would be unlocking it and starting it. Yes, starting your car with a phone and not a key. Which begs the question, at what point is the smartphone an extension of the car, or the car an extension of the smartphone? I'll leave you now to discuss that, 'cause I'm crawling back into my comfy sock.

**Vroom**

**The one luxury-performance car I'm most looking forward to next year is the 2013 Jaguar F-Type, the first full-on two-seat sports car from Jaguar in more than 50 years**

Mike Goetz

Camouflaged Corvette debuting at the Detroit auto show. HANDOUT

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
You have been a bit too generous for your own good of late and, not surprisingly, someone has taken advantage of the situation. Now you must take back what was taken from you, plus a little extra for your trouble.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
If there is something new you would like to do, something extravagant and exciting, you must stop dreaming about it and get on with it. The Sun in Capricorn urges you to get busy right now — later is too late.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
What happens over the next two or three days will bring the kind of changes that even you feel happy about. You should have realized by now that not all change is bad. Some change is exciting and even inspiring.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You are embarking on one of the best times for one-to-one relationships, both personal and professional. Others will go out of their way to help you over the next 24 hours. Go out of your way to enjoy it.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Focus on quality work today. You may be tempted to take on more duties and responsibilities but that will inevitably lead to a loss of value. The fewer things you do, the better you will do them.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
This may be a time of great activity but don't overdo it. Set your sights high today but don't aim for too many things all at the same time. No matter how fit you feel you will burn yourself out.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You will have to make decisions for other people today. It may worry you that their welfare is in your hands but fate has put you in this position for a reason, so be confident you will make a success of it.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22**
You will face a number of challenges over the next few days and you cannot run away from them. That's good. Your life is in a bit of a rut at the moment and you need something to get you out of it.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
If someone asks you to take on more work today you must be strong-minded enough to say no. Whatever you might think you owe other people, you owe more to yourself — and nothing matters more than your health.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
There is nothing you cannot achieve if you want it enough. Rarely have the omens been this good, so stop worrying about what the neighbors might think and start living the kind of life you dream of.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
You may be tempted to start something new today but the planets indicate it would be wiser, and easier, to focus your energies on finishing what you have already started. Attitude is everything. Think of it as fun.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
The planets warn you have only a limited grasp of what is going on at the moment and what others tell you today is needed to complete the picture. Thank them for pointing out what you have missed.

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## Crossword

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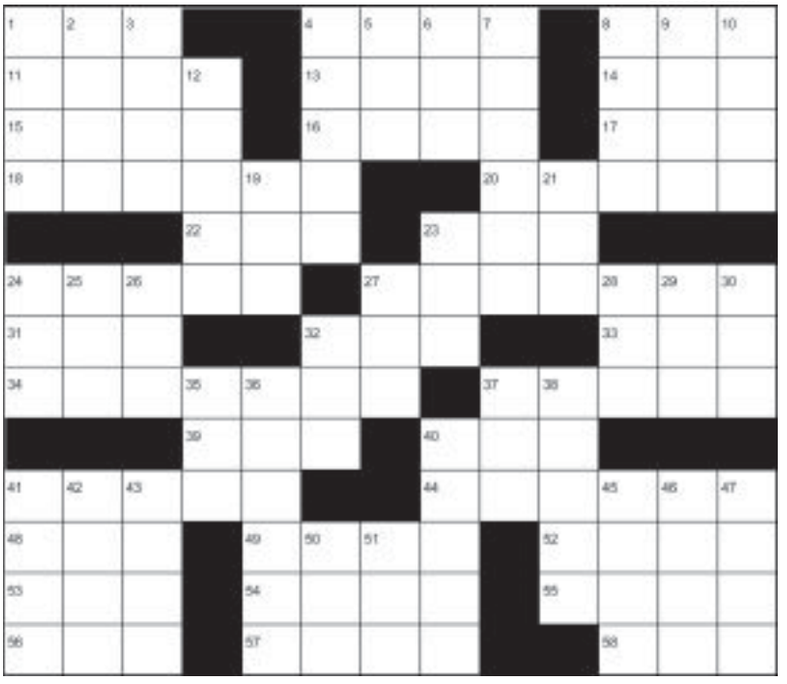
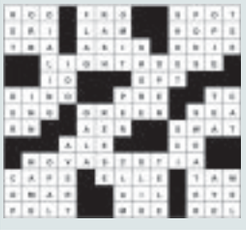


### Across
1. Light-feather link (2 words)
4. College major
8. Captain's journal
11. Lose one's cool
13. Operatic solo
14. "Cold Mountain" heroine
15. The Munsters' bat
16. Auction word
17. Term of respect
18. Defense mechanism
20. Not now
22. Happy Days hangout
23. Chest muscle, for short
24. Soup server
27. Frontier figure
31. Disney deer
32. – – standstill (2 words)
33. Wide shoe width
34. Be lenient with
37. Aroma
39. Lay eyes on
40. Exclude
41. Book contents
44. Newspaper employee
48. Slippery fish
49. Variety
52. Scotch partner
53. Before, of yore
54. Sign on a door
55. Nudge
56. Fish eggs
57. Snoopy
58. Hospital units (abbr.)

### Down
1. Extremely dry
2. Stuffing herb
3. Before long
4. Sends a letter
5. Gallery display
6. Even score
7. Small village
8. Bringing up the rear
9. Cartoon dog
10. Actress Teri of "Tootsie"
12. Courtroom drama
19. Pub offering
21. Pretend
23. Soup vegetable
24. Flower garland
25. Abby's twin sister
26. Family man
27. Sault — Marie
28. Jeans brand
29. Poetic time of day
30. Soak as flax
32. Epoch
35. Benefit
36. Subside
37. Down in the dumps
38. Crunchy
40. Veronica's friend
41. Look closely
42. Flying (prefix)
43. High spirits
45. Ripped
46. Unpleasant smell
47. X-ray dosages
50. Losing tic-tac-toe row
51. Sue Grafton novel: – – for Ricochet (letter and word)

### Dec. 21's Crossword



### What's online

See today's answers metronews.ca/answers.

## Sudoku

### How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Dec. 21's Sudoku

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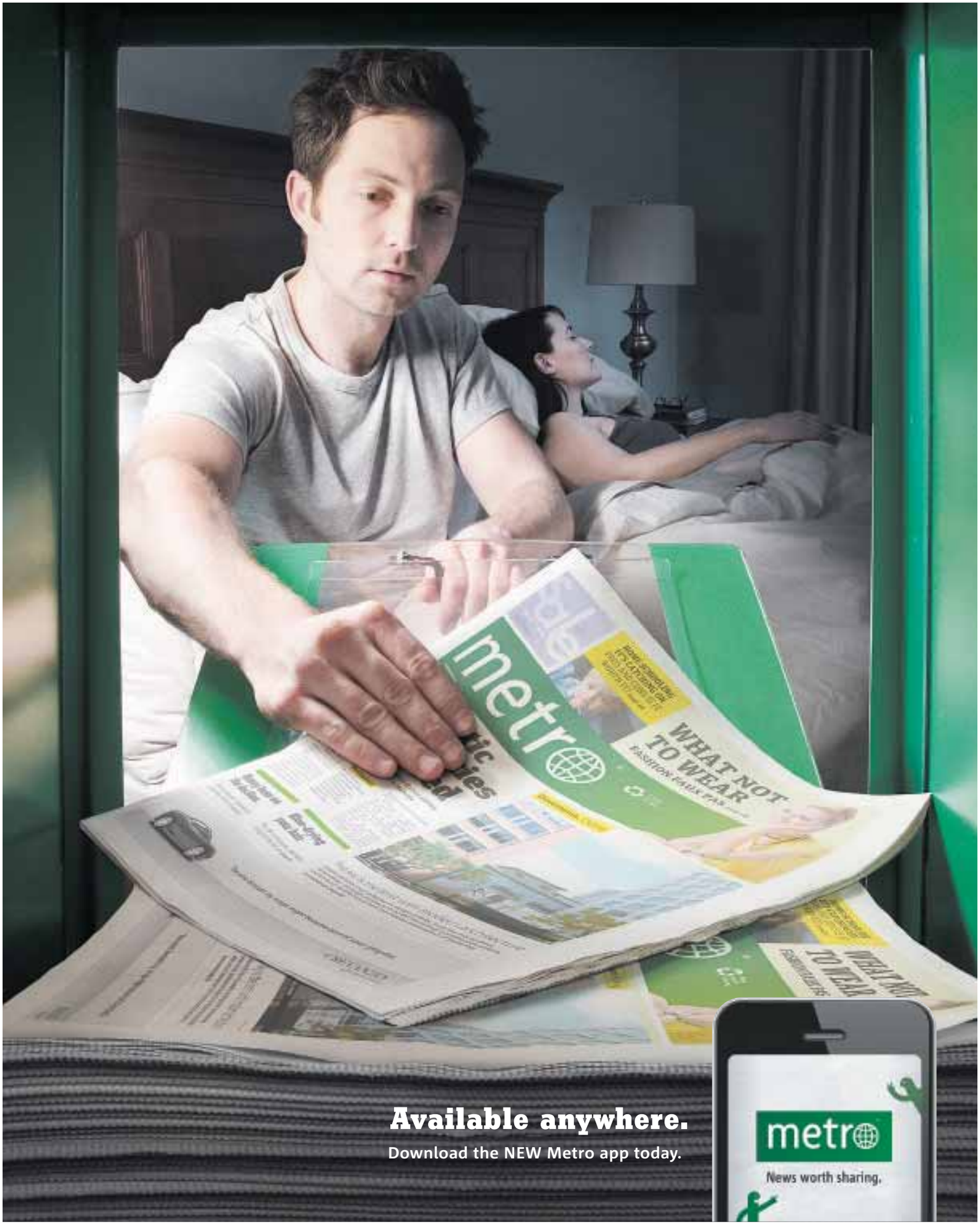
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